



James M. Yeager



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Foreword

We have compiled in this little booklet what "others have said" concerning Dr. James M. Yeager's versatile public career.

His voice has been heard by more people in his own county, and by a greater number of people beyond its limits, in this, and other States, than that of any other native of Mifflin county.

He has addressed fellow-passengers aboard steam-ships on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and delivered a notable speech on Local Option before the Legislature of Pennsylvania in March, 1907; an address which the Bishop of Harrisburg, who heard it, publicly referred to ten years later in terms of high commendation, at a reception tendered to Bishop Darlington, by St. Mark's Parish, at Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

On May 30th, 1905, Mr. Yeager made a Memorial Day address to Americans and Peruvians who had assembled on top of the Andes, eulogizing the heroism of the American and Peruvian soldiers.

"Hide not thy light under a bushel" is a Scriptural injunction of exceeding great merit, and it is with this principle in mind that the facts of this booklet have been compiled. To do full and complete justice to the subject a more bulky and much more comprehensive piece of work should be produced, but enough of this man's accomplishments and lofty attainments are outlined to convince even the most careless observer that here is a personality of real worth, and exceptional power.

Although best known in his home community as an orator of great brilliancy, surpassing in eloquence and ready wit, he has won equal renown in other fields of useful endeavor and recognition of this should be the very least that friends and public should render.

As an orator and platform speaker, he is unsurpassed in this locality and proof is plenteous and positive that his talents extend with equal vigor into the alluring fields of literature, education and governmental science.

That the light of Dr. James M. Yeager may not be hid nor obstructed but rather that honor be secured to whom honor is due, is the aim of this small work.

L. F. SESINGER.

My friend, neighbor and newspaper man, "Ses," indicates in his "Foreword" that he thought these "sayings" picked up from here, there and everywhere were deserving of being "bunched." I presume every expert on base ball believes in "bunching" when possible.

I am reminded by all this of what Professor William North Rice said at a banquet in New York celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of the great Professor:

"I have the opportunity," said the Professor, "while still in good health, to be present at my own funeral and listen to a series of eloquent eulogies. The word portraits which have been presented certainly leave nothing to be desired from a purely artistic point of view. I am grateful that I have at least furnished some suggestions for pictures so beautiful."

*A BRIEF REVIEW FOR PERSONAL
FRIENDS*

"It is less egotistic to publish the good things said of you by others than to say them yourself.

There are two classes of people in the world. Those who *think* they are smart and want others to tell it, and those who *know* they are smart and are willing to tell it themselves. Most people belong to both classes."—From "*Toasts*" and "*Roasts*," by Dr. S. C. Swallow.

In the Field of Education

"The Putnam County (N. Y.) Teachers' Association presented James M. Yeager as a token of appreciation, with a gold watch charm with a diamond center at Cold Spring-on-the-Hudson yesterday, at the Teachers' Institute."—*Putnam County Republican, September 25th, 1902.*

"He has raised educational standards and his work as School Commissioner has been an inspiration to teachers and pupils."—*Hon. Charles R. Skinner, Supt. Public Instruction of State of New York.*

"I have known him for many years as a man of culture, scholarly attainments and high character."—*Hon. Hamilton Fish.*

WORK AT DREW SEMINARY

At the recent commencement exercises of Drew Seminary for Young Women, at Carmel, N. Y., Dr. James M. Yeager, who has been president of that well-known institution for the last seven years, tendered his resignation. During Dr. Yeager's administration \$25,000 has been expended in improvements, rooms have been refurnished, a new recitation hall has been erected, between fifty and sixty young women have been graduated, additions have been made to the equipments of the music and science departments, a cloud upon the title of the property has been removed, the chartered name of the school has been changed to comport with the character of the work done, the curriculum has been broadened, and claims which have been instituted against

the city of New York, amounting to \$10,000, are now awaiting action by the Commissioners of Award.

The Board of Trustees in appreciation of Dr. Yeager's valuable services, passed unanimously by rising vote last Wednesday the following resolution:

The Board of Trustees of Drew Seminary for Young Women, at Carmel, N. Y., having been for months in receipt of the resignation, as president, of Professor James M. Yeager, D. D., and having given the matter unwilling consideration for a length of time—on the urgent renewal of that resignation—do hereby reluctantly accept it, and direct that the accompanying expression of respect and regret be placed upon our minutes:

Resolved, That we have recognized in Professor James M. Yeager, D. D., the retiring president of Drew Seminary for Young Women, a Christian gentleman and scholarly educator, capable, urbane and popular, who has merited our high esteem and kind regard.

Resolved, That while deploring the financial situation which has influenced our friend to take the step which we all so sincerely regret, we extend to him the assurance of our best wishes for his success in any new sphere of labor and usefulness to which in the future he may providentially be led to devote his time, energies and talents.—*N. Y. Tribune, June 20, 1899.*

This resolution was signed, among others by Peter A. Welch, Esq., father of Bishop Herbert Welch; Samuel W. Bowne, Esq., founder of Bowne Hall, Madison, N. J.; John S. Huyler, of Huylers; James M. King, D. D., John J. Reed, D. D., Ezra S. Tipple, D. D., all of New York City, and Clayton Ryder, Esq., of Carmel. Dr. Tipple is now the successful President of Drew Theological Seminary.

"May 4, 1866, Daniel Drew, a noted financier and philanthropist of New York, purchased the

Raymond Collegiate Institute at Carmel, N. Y., and it was chartered by the New York Legislature under the title of 'Drew Seminary and Female College.' Mr. Drew expected to make it a great woman's college and planned it to be a counterpart of Drew Theological Seminary, which he established at Madison, New Jersey.

"The Rev. George Crosby Smith, A. M. (Wesleyan University, 1856) was chosen as the new president of the Carmel school and for twenty-six years this scholarly gentleman conducted its affairs with great discretion and success. The long presidency from 1866 to his death on Sunday, December 13, 1891, laid the foundation of the present success of the school.

"The Rev. James M. Yeager, D. D., was elected to succeed Professor Smith and held the position from July, 1892, until June 12, 1899, when his resignation was accepted. The administration of Dr. Yeager was one of readjustment. Certain unfortunate legal complications involving the title to the property, were fought out and adjusted. The condemnation of a certain part of the Seminary property by the city of New York was also contested. The payment of embarrassing floating debt was also consummated. In 1896 Smith Memorial Hall was erected through the combined efforts of the W. W. and V. U. F. Societies and the Board of Trustees."—*Robert J. Trevorrow, A. M., D. D., in the "Drew Bulletin, September, 1915.*

Society Folk Bestir Themselves in Behalf of Drew Ladies' College

The Vis Unita Fortior Association of Drew Ladies' College, at Carmel, N. Y., opened a bazaar yesterday at Sherry's for the purpose of establishing a fund to erect a hall to the memory of the late Prof. George Crosby Smith. Sherry's has been the scene of many entertainments but

the handsome rooms have never been more beautifully fitted up.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew opened the fair with a witty speech, after being introduced by Judge Fancher. Lander's orchestra furnished the music and among the patronesses are Mrs. C. C. McCabe, Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont, wife of the Secretary of War, who presided at the tea table, Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Lyman Abbott, Mrs. Cornelius N. Bliss, Mrs. Bowles Colgate, Mrs. Wm. M. Taylor, Mrs. John E. Andrus, Mrs. John D. Slayback, Mrs. Patrick Calhoun, Mrs. Floyd Clarkson, Mrs. Horace K. Thurber. Professor James M. Yeager, President of Drew succeeded Prof. Smith. More than three thousand dollars were realized yesterday.—*New York Sun*, March 17, 1894.

"He delivered one of the best addresses on the subject of 'Education' I have heard."—*James Roscoe Day, D. D., Chancellor of Syracuse University.*

Honorary Oration at Pennsylvania State Normal School

The address of Governor Edwin S. Stuart, which was received with enthusiastic demonstrations, was followed by the honorary oration of the evening by Dr. James M. Yeager, U. S. Marshal, of Scranton, Pa. With a command of eloquent language the speaker presented inspiring thoughts of a timely nature, pointing out the dangers that menace the safety of the republic and the guide posts to ultimate security. America, with its commingling of all nationalities, has developed the highest type of citizenship and worked out the problem of self government. It is guided and guarded first of all by free education, and in its education lies its power. It is

guided likewise by industry, for in no land has labor received so much recognition or reward. Its pre-eminence is fostered by moral power for the age when a man's fighting weight is a passport to distinguishing honor is past. If the republic is to endure it must be through moral courage and civic righteousness and a profound and sustaining belief in a Master Mind. The twentieth century civilization, with its quickened intelligence, its hatred of war, its widespread philanthropy, its gifts to education and its fine appreciation of the brotherhood of man, has made and will continue to make for the betterment of humanity.—*From the Commencement Number, August, 1908, The Normal Journal, First Pennsylvania State Normal School, Millersville, Pa.*

If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree,
If I knew you and you knew me.

—Nixon Waterman.

As a Member of the Legislature

"He served in the Legislative Session of 1907 with great credit and ranked as one of the most progressive, clear-headed and useful members."
—*Ex-Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain, former Speaker, House of Representatives.*

James M. Yeager, Mifflin county's representative in the House, stumped New York State for President Roosevelt when Roosevelt was a candidate for Governor, and again when he ran for Vice President.

Mr. Yeager first met the President at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, at the close of the war with Spain, and they have since been personal friends. They were introduced by the President's friend, Hamilton Fish, now Assistant United States Treasurer of New York, who wrote a strong letter for Mr. Yeager when he was a candidate for the Assembly last fall.

Mr. Yeager is an enthusiastic admirer of the President, and believes he should serve a third term. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and has been a public speaker ever since he left school, his first campaign speech having been made in the Berkshire Hills. He has not spoken frequently on the floor of the House, his first notable speech being that in favor of the resolution to put the Local Option bill on the calendar.

He has had a wide experience as a traveler, having traveled on every continent except Australia, and crossed the Peruvian Andes on horseback. Mr. Yeager is serving his first term in the Legislature. He votes what he thinks is right. He has actively supported every bill to carry out the reform pledges of the Republican party in the last campaign.—*The late George M. Wantaugh in the Philadelphia North American, April 13, 1907.*

His Opinion of the Legislature

James M. Yeager, member of the House from Mifflin County, is a doctor of divinity, and one of the most eloquent and logical preachers in Pennsylvania. His sermon on the imperishability of the Bible at the Market Square Presbyterian Church, of this city, last Sunday morning was a gem and was heard by many of his colleagues.

Asked his opinion of the present House, from the viewpoint of a clergyman, Mr. Yeager said:

"I believe it would be hard to elect a body of men more capable, more conscientious and more desirous of serving the people. The number who can express themselves clearly, forcibly and effectively upon the floor is, to me, surprisingly large. I know of quite a few who have not been heard at all who could easily match those who have spoken frequently.

"It is a remarkably well-informed body. The people have begun to see that they cannot have public reforms, good results, without good agents, any more than a stream can rise higher than its source. The general assembly ranks high morally as well as intellectually. I can mention fifty members of the House who are an honor to their constituents, and who must stand high in the communities in which they live.

"Clergymen, Sunday School superintendents, officials in the various church denominations, school principals and prosperous business men, among others, answer to the roll call. The old-time deference for the minister's profession has gone. Today men are respected for what they are. The minister who is a man among men, an American among Americans, who takes broad-gauge views of men and measures and who makes no fuss about his cloth gets just what is coming to him in a legislative body, and, if agreeable and discreet, may render a distinct service to the Commonwealth."—*North American*, May 11, 1907.

NOMINATED STATE TREASURER

The name of Hon. John O. Sheatz, the choice of the Pennsylvania Republicans for State Treasurer, was presented to the State Convention at Harrisburg today by Dr. James M. Yeager, Mifflin County's representative in the Legislature. That the nomination was urged with eloquence and force is well understood by Dr. Yeager's home friends, even in the absence of direct information to that effect. Dr. Yeager has rapidly forged to the front as a factor in the political affairs of Pennsylvania. Few new members of the Legislature have so quickly won recognition and influence. Moreover, few have established a better record for devotion to the interests of their districts or for an ability and independence to uphold righteous legislation and contend for the "square deal" to which he pledged himself in his campaign.—*From Lewistown, Pa., Daily Sentinel, June 6, 1907.*

Introduced the First Bill Asking for an Appropriation to the Lewistown Hospital

At the session of the Legislature which convened January 1st, 1907, James M. Yeager introduced to the General Assembly the first bill ever presented to that body in behalf of the Lewistown Hospital. This bill called for an appropriation of forty thousand dollars, ten thousand of which was to be used for maintenance during the two fiscal years, 1907 and 1908, and thirty thousand dollars "for the purpose of assisting in the construction of the Hospital buildings."

The making of this appropriation was conditioned upon the raising of twenty thousand dollars by private subscription. The bill, as introduced, passed both the House and Senate without a dissenting vote, and received the unanimous support of the Appropriation Committee of the

Upper and Lower Houses, but the Governor reduced the appropriation to twenty thousand "for the lack of sufficient State revenues." The twenty thousand, however, enabled the Hospital to start its beneficent work which has proved to be an inestimable blessing to the community.

"If you have kind words to say,
Say them now,
Tomorrow may not come your way,
Do a kindness while you may;
Loved ones will not always stay;
Say them now.
If you have a smile to show,
Show it now,
Make hearts happy, roses grow,
Let the friends around you know
The love you have before they go;
Show it now."

As a Public Speaker

MEMORIAL DAY IN LEWISTOWN
Brief Exercises Were Interesting and Impressive

ADDRESS A MASTERLY ONE

*Harmonious Music Helped Revive Feelings of
Loyalty and Patriotism*

In no part of the broad land was Memorial Day observed more fittingly, more impressively or with greater interest to those attending than it was in Lewistown. The weather was all that could be desired on this particular day, although its freakishness and backwardness during the spring season caused a dearth of flowers that was sadly noticeable. Yet the tribute was just as sincere and heartfelt, the appreciation of the heroic deeds of the departed veterans just as pronounced and the sorrow over the comrades gone before as deep and heartfelt as though each mound had been buried under blooming roses. The exercises here were all the more impressive and inspiring because they were so largely marked by simplicity and the absence of display and frills.

In the morning hours under the direction of details from Col. Hulings Post, the graves of the dead soldiers in the various cemeteries were reverently strewn with flowers.

At ten o'clock a procession was formed consisting of the now aged members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Company G. Fifth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, the Yeagertown Band, members of the vocal chorus,

orator and other participants, and proceeded by way of East Market, Chestnut and Logan streets to the Grand Army plot and monument in the Presbyterian Cemetery, where a stand had been erected for the speakers and singers.

Here the Webster Funeral March by Beethoven was rendered with impressive harmony by Prof. Orth's talented band of 29 pieces, followed by a solemn prayer by Rev. U. F. Swengel, D. D., pastor of the United Evangelical Church. A selection appropriate to the soldiers' memorial was then sung by the large male chorus under the direction of H. H. Laub, Jr. This, with two other selections of like character rendered during the exercises, was a very attractive feature, the sweet harmony of the voices and the touching tribute of the words, blending very fittingly with this memorial occasion.

Rev. J. M. Yeager, D. D., Mifflin County's representative in the Legislature, was introduced as the orator of the day. Dr. Yeager's remarks were not lengthy, but from none of the thousands of speakers yesterday did there come a more eloquent tribute to the valor of the American soldier, to the greatness of the American nation, and to the intelligent patriotism of America's citizens. Dr. Yeager is a real orator and he met the trying ordeal of open air speaking successfully. His remarks received unusually close attention from the large assemblage and his earnest words stirred every heart to a stronger devotion to the old flag which he eulogized and to a deeper appreciation of the heroic accomplishments of our citizen soldiery in the greatest civil conflict recorded in all the history of the world. He referred eloquently to the patriotic inspiration the Pennsylvanian has in the heroic deeds done on Pennsylvania soil, in its historic battlefields of the war of the revolution and of the later great rebellion. For Pennsylvania he defended the claim of the real First Defenders, "no matter what Massachusetts may say." It was a masterly address, stirring the

blood of the surviving boys in blue and arousing increased loyalty in the minds of all who heard him.

Following came a brief but appropriate address from Post Commander John S. Garrett, a part of the impressive memorial exercises by the Post, participated in by comrades and the chaplain. With the firing of the salute by Company G, "taps" sounded by the bugle and benediction by Dr. Swengel, this most impressive memorial observance was ended.—*H. Jeff in Daily Sentinel, Lewisstown, Pa., May 30, 1907.*

Mass Meeting at Troy, N. Y.

At the great Republican Mass Meeting for McKinley and Roosevelt last evening Senator Chauncey M. Depew, Governor Frank S. Black, Colonel Abraham Gruber and James M. Yeager, of Putnam County, were the speakers. More than 8,000 people were crowded in Bolton Hall, the greatest indoor gathering that was ever witnessed in Troy. Senator Depew was the drawing card, but Dr. Yeager was received with enthusiastic cheers and mingled laughter and applause greeted his brief and witty speech.—*Troy (N. Y.) Times, September 20th, 1900.*

Dinner in Honor of Judge Dykman in New York

"James M. Yeager, a little giant among princely entertainers at this intellectual feast, delighted all with humorous skit and spritely vagaries. He could be serious, too, and do it well; as in the chaste language of his scholarly profession he gave his meed of praise to the character of a righteous judge." (At banquet, Murray Hill Hotel, New York, Tuesday evening, January 8th, 1901, in honor of Justice Jackson O. Dykman, of the Superior Court of the State of New York.)—*From the Brewster Standard, January 11th, 1901.*

Local Option Debate in Pennsylvania Legislature

"When the Local Option fight was on in the Legislature a few nights ago, which proved to be the biggest fight of the session, it is no discredit to other speakers to say that Dr. Yeager gave the best speech of the evening in behalf of the Local Option bill."

(Signed)

S. E. NICHOLSON, State Superintendent
—*In letter to Bishop Joseph F. Berry, dated Harrisburg, April 5th, 1907.*

Introduced Governor Hanly of Indiana

At the State Local Option Rally in the Hall of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg, Penna., the evening of March 14th, 1907, Honorable James M. Yeager, a member of the House, presided, and introduced Honorable J. Frank Hanly, Governor of Indiana, saying: "I now have the honor to present to this splendid audience the Governor of a great Commonwealth, a Commonwealth that stands for education, great culture, some of the world's best literature, local option, and the best things in our modern civilization." (Great applause.)

Governor Hanly's masterly appeal, with this brief introduction, and the few words, by Mr. Yeager, expressing appreciation, at the close of the Governor's address, were published in pamphlet form and disseminated throughout the State.

Campaigned for McKinley and Roosevelt

One of the best campaign speakers the New York State Committee has ever sent into this County, is Hon. James M. Yeager, of Putnam County, who completed a week's tour of the County last Saturday. Mr. Yeager is not only a

pleasant, but a forcible speaker, and there have been no more effective addresses delivered in the County than by him. He has been a great help to the McKinley and Roosevelt cause here and we are glad to know that he has been continuing his good work in Steuben County this week.—*City of Rensselaer (N. Y.) Star-Eagle, September 25, 1900.*

“It was unanimously conceded to be one of the most humorous and at the same time one of the most eloquent speeches ever made in Peekskill.”—*Peekskill Democrat.*

“A vivid picture of Eastern travel; racy in observation, keenly appreciative of Oriental life; in many passages eloquent, and of unflagging interest from beginning to end.”—*C. S. Harrower, D. D., Pastor of Central Church, New York City.*

“His fund of information, story and anecdote equals anything I have had the pleasure of listening to. He will give unbounded satisfaction.”—*Hon. Leslie Sutherland, Mayor of Yonkers, N. Y.*

His address on Memorial Day, 1918, to the members of our Lodge, B. P. O. E., was reported to have been one of the best ever heard in Pottsville.—*Charles A. Snyder, Auditor General of Pennsylvania.*

“The subject of which he speaks, in fact everything pertaining to the old East, is exceedingly interesting, and he can treat it justly and eloquently.”—*General Lew Wallace.*

Roosevelt at Bath, New York

Honorable James M. Yeager, of Putnam County, was introduced to an audience of 2,000 at the Erie Railroad Station and addressed the people, eloquently eulogizing the “Boys in Blue” and paying a splendid tribute to President Mc-

Kinley and Governor Roosevelt, and just as he was finishing his eulogy Governor Roosevelt arrived on a special train and addressed the assembly, which was very large considering that it was a nasty morning, dark, gloomy, wet, but none of these disagreeable things had the slightest effect upon the enthusiasm of the audience.—*Bath (N. Y.) Courier, October 30th, 1900.*

Tribute to Roosevelt

The following address was delivered, when Roosevelt was a candidate for Governor of New York, before the Putnam County Republican Convention, held at Carmel, N. Y., October, 1898.

Requests have been made for Dr. James M. Yeager's eloquent tribute to Roosevelt delivered here during the campaign. We print as much of it as we could obtain, as it was delivered extempore:

I see looming up in this marvelous period another figure; young, athletic, university-trained, rich in physical, intellectual and moral resources, a patrician by birth, a plebeian in sympathy, ex-Assemblyman, ex-Civil Service Commissioner, ex-Police Commissioner, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy, an ex-traordinary, many-sided, versatile man; big-brained, stout-hearted, intensely earnest, thoroughly honest, forceful, resourceful—I see the splendid figure of Theodore Roosevelt—the Colonel of the Rough-Riders, the hero of Santiago, the peerless champion of Reform and the next Governor of New York—a man whom the “lusts of office cannot kill, whom the spoils of office cannot buy, a man of opinions and will, a man whom times like these demand.” Theodore Roosevelt could not be bribed, bought or mortgaged with all the gold of Ophir or all the wealth of the Antilles. (Loud and long-continued applause.)

Some one has said you may cut up an American into a thousand pieces, boil him down and

you will find him all on the Fourth of July. That is the type of American Roosevelt is. Intense Americanism throbs in every fibre of his being. One of the most learned jurists in the State, or in the world, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, said of him the other day that in every drop of blood in his body and in every fibre of his being he was brave, honest and patriotic.

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He might have lived a life of idleness and luxury, but he has preferred to keep in close touch with his countrymen and his heart beats in sympathy with the common people. He believes that the man who tills deserves as much respect as the man with frills, that the man who produces should command as much respect as the man who consumes ;

"That the rank is but the guinea's stamp,
A man's a man for a' that."

That is the type of man whom you and I wish to see elevated to the chief office of this imperial Commonwealth. With his courage, ability and honesty, his administration would mark a great epoch in the history of the Empire State and prove a blessing to future generations. (Loud applause.)—*Putnam County Republican*, October 1, 1898.

At Lewistown Hospital

Extracts of address delivered at the laying of the corner-stone of Lewistown Hospital, 1906, by James M. Yeager :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen :

In connection with this occasion to which we all received cordial, graceful and courteous invitations, through the public prints, from the Board of Trustees, there are just two or three thoughts which we would like to seize and enforce.

On this corner-stone before us you will see

a Latin inscription: "For the good of humanity."
In my reading a few days ago I came across these words, which at once arrested my attention:

"We must be here to work,
And men who work can only work for men,
And not to work in vain must comprehend humanity."

This hospital will stand here for equal rights to all and for all. Its doors will be flung wide open to the unfortunate and the suffering, without regard to wealth or poverty, education, race, color, creed, sect or belief. Exclusion for religious, moral or social reasons will be impossible. Its operating pavilion, which will be one of the finest in the State, its drugs and chemicals, modern scientific appliances, its medical and surgical skill, its trained and experienced nurses—all will be at the disposal of those who seek them. Now a charity, a philanthropy, an institution which is so humane, so generous, so universal in its aim and scope must and does appeal to every one. Consequently, men, women, and even children all over our county are taking a lively interest in the Hospital and are realizing that

The soul that lives, is the soul that gives,
And bearing another's load,
Will lighten our own, and brighten the way,
And shorten the homeward road.

May we say a word concerning the Board of Trustees? We can speak without any mental reservation or indelicacy because we do not happen to belong to that body.

The Hospital Board is composed of men of ripe experience, wise courage, excellent judgment, and younger men who are less preoccupied, of activity and stirring enthusiasm. They are giving thought, energy and much valuable time to this worthy and splendid project. They merit the sympathy, moral and financial support, and heartiest co-operation of all our citizens. Burke, the statesman, once said to his constituents:

"Applaud us when we run, cheer us when we fall, comfort us when we recover, but above all things let us go on." This Hospital Board comes to the generous citizenship of this county and says today: "Let us, for the sake of the diseased, the disabled, the wounded and the unfortunate, go on."

The development of a State's charities is the best evidence, we believe, of a State's civilization.

The love which prompts a great Commonwealth to extend a merciful hand to the sick and wounded is a supreme and laudable exhibition of the State's christianization and civilization. Let us all do what we *can*. More will not be required. Less will not satisfy ourselves. If we do that we shall have here an institution that shall be worthy of our splendid county, a hospital that shall be an enduring honor to our great Commonwealth and an incalculable blessing to the suffering and unfortunate for generations to come.

"Inasmuch," said the world's greatest Physician, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

THE Y. M. C. A.

As an Upbuilder in the Community

Delivered on Sunday, March 4, 1906, in Lewistown Court House in behalf of the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association, at Burnham, Penna.

Sixty-two years ago George Williams, a young man of 23, organized some of his friends and companions in the city of London, into a Young Men's Christian Association. The idea then launched has girdled the globe. You will find the Y. M. C. A. in Japan, China, India, Austria, Italy, South Africa, Germany, France, Holland, Great Britain and South America. You

will find it from the Hudson River to the Pacific coast, in Australia and the isles of the seas. This fact would indicate its universal adaptation to man's universal needs. It has gone to every civilized country, quickening the mental and social life, elevating individual and public character, promoting good cheer and good fellowship and contributing to the sum total of the world's best citizenship.

We are gratified at the widespread interest in the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. in our community because it stands for physical culture, the care of the body, and athletics. This association recognizes the intensity of our modern commercial and industrial life and believes in large draughts of fresh air, in a healthful and interested occupation of the four or five hours which every man has in the twenty-four, when the hours of working, eating and sleeping are deducted. It believes in recreations which are re-creations of body and mind. It believes in modern, manly, clean, fair and square athletics, both in-door and out-door, and in the traits and qualities which these develop—traits and qualities so much needed in the great game of life.

The Y. M. C. A. furnishes reading rooms, a library, larger and better accommodations and rooms than can be found anywhere else, lectures which embody the ripest thoughts of the richest minds, stereopticon entertainments which reproduce scenes and cities from the whole round world, games without gambling, house pastimes, and field sports, concerts, musicales, and in many other ways widens the outlook, enlarges the vision, enriches the mind and uplifts the life.

All of these things are practically guaranteed in connection with the Burnham Association, by the splendid gift of the Standard Steel Works, and the cordial co-operation of the public—a response which amounts already to subscriptions of more than \$5,000.

The interest of a community in benevolent,

philanthropic and educational enterprises is a true indicator of its progress and development.

Judged by this standard our own community compares very favorably with that of any other in the State. While in some important movements we lag behind, our school and church buildings are superior and other improvements now on foot, soon to be realized, will make us feel that we are citizens of "no mean city."

The Y. M. C. A. does not stand for sentimentalism in religion, or nambypambyism in morals, but for a strong, manly, vigorous, tolerant, broad gauge Christian system which is perfectly adapted to men of all ages, the world over, and to the throbbing life of a busy, industrial century.

Let us give this new enterprise a lift. Let us give it our moral and financial support and in the very near future we will have in our midst a useful, tasteful and beautiful Y. M. C. A. building which will benefit, physically, socially and morally, not only the present but the generations to come.

*Address to Company M. of Mifflin County, Pa.,
Before it Entrained for the Mexican Border*

Amidst waving flags, playing bands, surging and marching columns the members of Company M., National Guard of Pennsylvania, Lewistown, were given an enthusiastic farewell on the eve of their departure to Mt. Gretna, the Mexican frontier and perhaps the battle fields of Mexico. An immense crowd of civilians including many women and children, lined the streets and it was a wonderful ovation the khaki-clad boys received.

Headed by Mayor G. A. Leopold and speakers Honorable J. M. Yeager and Rev. G. Morton Walker, in an automobile, a half dozen marshals on horseback and the Lewistown Boy Scout and P. O. S. of A. bands, the soldier company accom-

panied by patriotic organizations marched over Market, Chestnut, Logan, Valley and Third streets. In the procession were Civil War Veterans riding in automobiles, Spanish War Veterans, walking and carrying American flags. Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, the Brooklyn Drum Corps and a score of little girls bearing a large American flag.

In front of the Court House the marching organizations broke ranks and the swaying crowds assembled to hear the addresses. Rev. G. M. Walker, pastor of the Lewistown Baptist Church, prayed that God's blessing should be upon the United States and Mexico and also upon the young men who have volunteered to serve their country; that the terrible realities of war may be averted, if possible, and that right and justice may be established.

Mayor Leopold, who presided, introduced Hon. J. M. Yeager who paid an eloquent tribute to American soldiers of by-gone days who fought in the war of 1776, in the First Mexican war, the Civil War and in the Spanish-American war. Amidst the noise of deafening explosions of fire crackers, a playing band and tooting automobile horns the orator spoke under most unfavorable circumstances. He succeeded, however, in holding the close attention of his vast audience numbering more than a thousand persons. The address sparkled with patriotic gems of thought and the assemblage cheered many of the speaker's utterances, especially when he referred to the bravery and sacrifices of Mifflin County's soldiery in past days.

The orator in a fitting and touching manner pictured the farewell scenes. "Mothers and fathers and wives, brothers and sisters and friends and sweethearts of members of Company M. will tomorrow bid an affectionate good-bye to the soldier boys who are departing for Mt. Gretna, to the Mexican frontier and perhaps the battle fields in Mexico," said the speaker.

Continuing Mr. Yeager said: "The boys from Pennsylvania, especially those from Mifflin County, have always displayed courage and valor in conflicts of war. The old American flag has never been hauled down and we have full confidence that in the present crisis it will be bravely protected and will not be allowed to be hauled down by an enemy of the country."

At the conclusion of Mr. Yeager's address Rev. M. S. Cressman, D. D., pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, stepped forward and presented a vest-pocket edition of the New Testament for each of the 75 members of the Lewistown soldier company, the Bibles being gifts from the local W. C. T. U. women. Rev. Cressman said: "I have a pleasant task to perform. It is the desire of the Christian women that the departing soldiers be armed with a secure weapon. I therefore will present to you, members of Company M, a copy of the New Testament which you will carry with you into camp and perhaps to battle fields. May God's word be a comfort, a protection and the surest armor to you when you are alone and weary upon distant camping grounds.—*Daily Sentinel, Lewistown, Penna., Saturday, June 24, 1916.*

*Address to Company M. of Mifflin County, Pa.,
Before it Started for the Battlefields of Europe
Speech-Making Program*

A crowd that numbered several thousand was gathered about the specially constructed platform in front of the Court House and facing Main Street. Members of Company M. occupied the post of honor directly in front of the platform, an aisle through the densely packed throng having been cleared for them by Officer Davis and the local Boy Scouts.

Rev. Dr. M. S. Cressman opened the meeting

by delivering the opening prayer and was followed by Mayor G. A. Leopold, who in a brief address that sparkled with patriotic pep told the Guardsmen in just what esteem their fellow citizens held them.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Yeager said in part: We are here to do honor to Captain Kessinger, the officers and members of Company M. because of what they have sacrificed and are sacrificing, for your country and mine—for you and for me. We honor these men because they are willing to face danger, disease, imprisonment, anything and everything which war involves, for your country and mine—for you and me. We honor them because of the two classes in the world, the one that “thinks things over” and the other that “puts them over,” these men belong to the latter class.

We honor them because they are the soldiers of the greatest and most majestic republic in human history; and their swing, erect carriage, stout lungs, exhibitions of discipline, supreme optimism, mark them as the soldiers of American freedom, American life, American power, and American influence.

We honor them because they hold themselves ready, on brief notice, to come, to stay, to go, anywhere, everywhere, for your country and mine—for you and me.

These are a few of the reasons, lying upon the surface, why our whole citizenship is paying tribute to the valor, the heroism of Company M.

General Grant once said, after he had gone into the tanning business for a living: “All the training and habits of my military life are against me. My life has been a poor mistake, a poor mistake.” But when the rebellion came and Grant rose by his own efforts to become one of the greatest military geniuses of any age a grateful people said that that military training was no mistake but an incalculable blessing to him and the Republic. It may so prove to all the members of Company M.

There has been some discussion on the other side of the sea as to what sobriquet or name should be given our American soldiers. Some have suggested "Yankees," some "Amexes," some "Sammees." We believe that Company M. would prefer "American;" for they are going forth as the representatives of the American Republic. The America which took Japan by the hand and introduced her to the family of nations; the America which first of all the nations opened the ports of China to the civilized world; the America which, first, among the nations, planted its flag on the walls of China's ancient capital, after the siege of Pekin; the America which a few years ago, through its chief executive, sowed the seeds of amity between two belligerent powers and stopped one of the bloodiest wars in the world's history; and today it is America's diplomacy, America's soldiers and sailors that are arresting the attention of mankind. The name American is good enough for me and while I am one-fifth Irish, one-fifth Scotch, one-fifth English, one-fifth Welsh and one-fifth German, if I know myself I am five-fifths American—no matter what anybody thinks or says.

Company M. goes out from our Juniata Valley not only to represent there, this great Republic but specifically the imperial Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which were born the sentiments upon which the Republic was founded. Pennsylvania, beautiful in story and luminous in history. Pennsylvania which has been immortalized by the "old Continentals with their ragged regimentals;" Pennsylvania which has been immortalized by the "First Defenders" of a union of states; Pennsylvania has ever been proud of her citizen soldiers from 1776 to 1917.

We are here tonight, a great company, after a splendid parade, arranged by a committee of our townsmen who spared no pains to make it the huge success it has been, to wish you members of Company M good luck and God-speed, to express

the regret that having stayed by you so long we cannot go on and join you in the modern refrain: "Goodbye Broadway, Hello France;" to indulge the hope that you may all return in good health to your homes and firesides, your fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters and the "girls you leave behind you."—*Daily Sentinel, Lewisstown, Penna., Monday, September 10, 1917.*

WHAT IS GOOD?

"What is the real good?" I asked in musing mood.

Order, said the law court;

Knowledge, said the school;

Truth, said the wise man;

Pleasure, said the fool;

Love, said the maiden;

Beauty, said the page;

Freedom, said the dreamer;

Home, said the sage;

Fame, said the soldier;

Equity, the seer.

Spake my heart full sadly:

"The answer is not here."

Then within my bosom

Softly this I heard:

"Each heart holds the secret:

Kindness is the word."

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

As a Writer

In addition to many contributions to the New York Tribune and other newspapers, Mr. Yeager has written a booklet: "Over the Peruvian Andes," a story of travel in which he gives interviews he had in 1906 with Honorable Jose Pardo, President of Peru, who was deposed and exiled in July, 1919. The President of Peru is elected for four years, but Jose Pardo was re-elected in 1915. Interviews are also given with the Honorable Juan Pardo, a brother of the former President, and a member of the Peruvian Congress.

"Some Old Families in Pennsylvania," a Genealogical Record, appeared in 1912.

Governor Pennypacker wrote of this brief history: "It is a very useful contribution to our public information."

Governor William C. Sproul, LL. D., writes: "It's a welcome addition to our Pennsylvania bibliography."

Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker says in "Year Book Pennsylvania Society of New York": "The book is a valuable addition to Pennsylvania genealogy, and includes records of many men distinguished in Pennsylvania's life."

William MacLeod Raine, Author, Denver, Colorado, writes: "Your book I found the most interesting of any family history that I have seen."

Professor Oscar Kuhns, Department of Romance Languages, Wesleyan University: "It gave me greatest pleasure and I have gone over this interesting record of Pennsylvania genealogy several times."

Honorable Charles B. Witmer, LL. D.; "I congratulate you upon the completion of an undertaking so laborious and desire to express my appreciation of information which indicates so much patience and research."

Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania: "Your book which I have gone over with a great deal of personal interest, inasmuch as it is my good fortune to know some of the persons whose pictures appear in the publication, and which contains a letter from Major Thomas Yeager, written from Washington, April 20th, 1861, I assure you will be of great service to me in connection with the address which I shall be called upon to make, in Allentown, on April 18th, 1916, in connection with the monument to be unveiled there, in tribute to the Allen Infantry—one of the companies of the First Defenders."

The Harrisburg Patriot: "His work enriches family biography in this part of Pennsylvania and is a testimony to laudable interest in old families who have left their mark on the communities in which they developed. The volume is uncommonly well done."

*Some Reasons for His Strong Support of the
Regular Republican Organization*

During the gubernatorial campaign of 1910 the management of the Scranton Tribune-Republican (under different management now) wrote an editorial severely scoring the "Republican Convention at Harrisburg," which, a few days before, June 1st, had nominated its candidates for State offices to be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth in November.

To this editorial Dr. Yeager sent the follow-

ing reply which was published in the Tribune-Republican June 25, 1910:

Editor of The Tribune-Republican:

I have read your editorial on the "Eighty-four Minute Republican Convention" with interest. It has great literary merit, suggestiveness, and bears the impress of absolute sincerity and a lofty patriotism. The tribute to the Republican Party is as beautiful as it is vigorous. "The Republican Party, for us, is linked with the proudest years of this Republic. It has stood for causes and has been the instrument, in the hands of great men, of progress and enlightenment to the whole world. A party that began with Lincoln cannot go on bereft of the impulse it derived from that great soul." That kind of talk, in our judgment, would have been punctuated with cheers at a national convention of the Republican Party. It is true every word of it, and inspiring because it is true. And we are convinced that a newspaper with such ideals and aims as The Tribune-Republican will reverse its judgment on the so-called "high-handed proceedings," long before the close of the quadrennium for which the nominees at Harrisburg will be elected in November. That there are wrongs to be righted, inequalities in our body politic that need adjustment, reforms that should promptly be enacted into legislation that are hesitating and slow-footed, we frankly admit, but notwithstanding lapses here and there, the mighty column of the Republican Party in Pennsylvania points in the right direction and the leadership that gives the Commonwealth a Governor Stuart, a Secretary of Internal Affairs like Henry Houck, a Health Commissioner like Samuel Dixon, a member of a Presidential Cabinet like P. C. Knox, which largely contributed to give our people "the best tariff bill the Republican Party ever passed;" wiped out the State's indebtedness; appropriated more money to the great cause of popular education than any other State; is sending grafters to

the penitentiary and now offers a vigorous prosecution of civil cases connected with the capitol, shows a measure of devotion to the public welfare that should enlist the interest and support of all agencies which desire to see "justice enthroned" and good men elected to office.

Mr. Lincoln, to whom your editorial made touching reference, once said to his critics: "If any man thinks it is easy to be president let him come and try it." Leadership is always difficult. If the mass of the people of the Republican Party delegate their power for eighty-four minutes to another they are still watchful of their interests.

For one, I believe in their courage, their conscience, their patriotism. And while I like the superb English, the vigorous thought, the sledgehammer blows of The Tribune-Republican, whether for us or against us, I shall hope to see it give the Republican Party, for which it undoubtedly has a genuine regard, its "ungrudging support," because the sequences will show, I sincerely believe, that it deserves it.
Scranton, Pa., June 24, 1910.

TRANSPLANTED GERMANIC STOCK

Tribute to the Virtues of Those Who Have Come Over Sea

To the Editor of The New York Tribune.

Sir: Twenty years ago Herbert Spencer, while visiting this country, predicted that as a result of the amalgamation of various nationalities here the Americans would ultimately produce the highest civilization that the world has known. Accepting, as we do, the dictum of the great English scientist, we have no desire to emphasize racial differences. Indeed, one who is one-fifth Irish, one-fifth Scotch, one-fifth English, one-fifth Welsh,

one-fifth German, and five-fifths American could have no prejudices so far as nationality is concerned. Any attempt to discriminate would make "the chips fly into his own face." But we lose nothing as Americans in making generous and grateful acknowledgment to each nationality for its contribution to the progress, power and glory of the Republic.

The Mayor of New York said a few days ago that he believed one of the beneficial results of Prince Henry's visit would be that "we would learn to value the German element of our population more highly." I cordially indorse the sentiment. And while the German element is too intensely patriotic and too thoroughly Americanized to wish any special recognition, it is fitting to connect Mayor Low's statement, with an utterance of Matthew Arnold, who, on his visit to the United States eighteen years ago, said, in his lecture on "Numbers": "But you are something more than a people of fifty millions. You are fifty millions mainly sprung—as we in England are mainly sprung—from that German stock, which has faults, indeed—faults which have diminished the extent of its influence, diminished its power of attraction and the interest of its history. Yet of that German stock it is, I think, true—as my father said more than fifty years ago—that it has been a stock of the most moral races of men that the world has yet seen, with the soundest laws, the least violent passions, the fairest domestic and civil virtues. You come, therefore, of about the best parentage which a modern nation can have, and are set in this enviable and unbounded country."

This pronouncement of the English essayist of our common origin was reinforced and accentuated at the dinner given to Prince Henry in the address of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, when he said: "And let us never forget that the race which bears forward the banner of Germany to-day is kindred or the same in origin with that of

the English and Dutch who first peopled these shores."

Of the loyalty and devotion of this transplanted Germanic stock, to what Arnold calls our "enviable and unbounded" country, and what Prince Henry has been pleased to denominate our "beautiful and brilliant" land, the history of the Republic is not altogether silent. In 1775 the first company to reach Cambridge from the South to gladden the heart of Washington was a German company. In 1861 the first regiment to reach Washington from the North was composed of five companies from Pennsylvania—"nearly all were Germans—descendants," says Professor Oscar Kuhns, "of Revolutionary patriots."

From another authentic source we learn of a German settlement, east of the Alleghenies, which has never had a population of more than five hundred, and yet in that little German village were born a major general and a general of the Revolutionary Army; a United States Senator, the president of the first American Congress under the constitution; one of the most noted of American botanists, an adjutant general and Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin, a colonel of the War of 1812, a Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, a Congressman, the president of Girard College, two State Senators and a distinguished jurist.

Some of the greatest merchants in the greatest city of the Western World are of German birth or extraction; the two largest telescopes in the world were given by the descendants of Germans; Methodism, which today has a thousand times as many followers in the earth as there are miles around it, was founded in the United States by Germans, and Prince Henry's wish that "German citizens will manifest toward this beautiful land the same loyalty that their brethren display toward theirs, in their old homes" will deepen their loyalty to the country of their adoption and intensify their love for the Fatherland. They will

not forget the old proverb: "Hinter dem Berge sind auch Leute," that "Beyond and behind mountain wave and mountain top are people also"—their "brethren." When a friend recently facetiously said: "Germany is the land of sausages and sauerkraut!" we replied in the same friendly spirit: "Yes, but it is also the land of schools and of sciences, of music and of art, of great men and of great achievements. The land of Luther and Melanchthon, of Goethe and Schiller, of Bach and Beethoven, of Mozart and Wagner, of Lessing and Bismark."

JAMES M. YEAGER,

Carmel, N. Y., March 7, 1902.

The following article is as appropriate today as when written just after the attack on President McKinley. Dr. Yeager was in Buffalo the day the President was shot and heard his last public address.

(From the New York Tribune, Thursday,
September 12, 1901.)

ANARCHY MUST GO

*Unless it is Uprooted and Cast Out Civilization
Must Drift Backward*

To the Editor of The New York Tribune:

Sir: The editorial in yesterday's Tribune on "The President" contains stirring truths which should be repeated and emphasized. In a republic, it is for us, the people, to say how long these outrages on civilization shall continue.

In 1873, immediately after the capture of the Virginian, Henry Ward Beecher, one of the greatest preachers and patriots this country has produced, said:

"It was not the necessity for self-preservation

that led to this crime; it was the cruel love of blood; it was simple ferocity; it is as bad a thing as has happened in our day, and it concerns every man on the globe. If such things as these are permitted, then civilization must drift backward."

How applicable these utterances are today to the horrible crime and the hideous miscreant in Buffalo. Had I known last Thursday, when the President was delivering his great speech, that the villain was only five feet distant we should not have had our Black Friday. To strike down the man who has done more than any other, perhaps, of this generation to sow the seeds of brotherliness between the North and the South; the man who stood single-handed and alone against a mighty people clamoring for war; who, in his great, perhaps his greatest, address in Buffalo, prays that "peace, happiness and prosperity may be vouchsafed to all our neighbors and like blessings to all the nations of the earth"—to strike down in an hour of unparalleled prosperity, when "our trade statistics are almost appalling," the patient, peace-loving, self-contained, splendidly poised, brave man, to whom so much of our recent national progress is due, the most democratic head of the freest people, is to strike at the heart of our free institutions and to make civilization drift backward.

We have conquered all external foes. Our flag, bright, glorious and free, floats, unstained and unsullied, over new possessions in the old East, while he who helped to plant it and keep it there is laid low by an enemy at home who gives his allegiance, not to the Stars and Stripes, for which our heroic President and our brave soldiers have fought, but to the red flag of anarchy. It is indeed high time to exterminate the whole anarchistic breed. That a worthless wretch at the instigation of a harebrained, besotted woman should seek to take the life of our President, himself the son of a workingman, just after he has finished a speech in which he shows us that

his heart beats in sympathy with the plain people, should prompt Congress to adopt heroic measures for dealing with these desperadoes, parasites and fiends in human form.

The safety of society and the perpetuity of our government depend as much upon the rapidity with which we execute our laws as upon the degree of punishment. It is to be hoped that there will be no such delay in meting out penalty to this traitor to the Republic as there was in the case of Guiteau. It is because many of the best friends of law and order felt that existing laws were not adequate for wantonness so cruel that they were tempted to lynch the culprit. The great President's request will be heeded. "No one will hurt him." But when the results of the wounds are known, let us act promptly against Czolgosz and the whole diabolical breed. If they cannot be tolerated on the continent of Europe they are not good enough to be harbored in this mighty and majestic Republic.

And as the nation gathers in faith and hope around the sick bed of its great chief let it seek a fresh impulse toward higher thinking, better living, nobler citizenship and a broader and saner patriotism.

JAMES M. YEAGER.

Carmel, N. Y., September 9, 1901.

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
ALBANY

September 17, 1901.

MR. JAMES M. YEAGER,
School Commissioner,
Carmel, N. Y.

My Dear Commissioner:—I thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your article which appeared in the New York Tribune on the date of September 12. I have read it with much pleasure. It represents the thought of the best people of our country and it is on the plane which our civilization should place us. Expressions of this kind will calm an infuriated people and will lead to the adjustment of such matters on the basis of law and order.

Very truly yours,

THOS. E. FINEGAN.

Dr. Finegan is at present the able and distinguished Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pennsylvania, by appointment of Governor Wm. C. Sproul.

We shall never be successful over the dangers that confront us; we shall never achieve true greatness, nor reach the lofty ideal which the founders and preservers of our mighty Federal Republic have set before us, unless we are Americans in heart and soul, in spirit and purpose, keenly alive to the responsibility implied in the very name of American, and proud beyond measure of the glorious privilege of bearing it.—*Governor Theodore Roosevelt.*

As a Federal Official

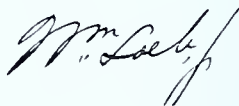
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1907.

My dear Mr. Fish:

In reply to your note of the 13th instant I beg to say that the appointment of James M. Yeager as U. S. Marshal for the middle district of Pennsylvania has been recommended by the Department of Justice, and will probably be signed by the President on his return from the review of the fleet and sent to the Senate Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to the President.

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
28 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

James M. Yeager, of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, whose re-appointment by President Taft for a second term was recently announced in *The Scranton Truth*, took the oath of office yesterday and is today receiving cordial New Year's greetings and congratulations from his numerous friends. The following appreciative and merited sketch of Marshal Yeager is taken from a recent issue of the *Harrisburg Telegraph*:

"Federal official, legislator, traveler, literateur, educator and clergyman, United States Marshal James Martin Yeager, who will begin his second term as the executive officer of the law in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, is one of the best known of the sons of the Juniata Valley, home of some of the sturdiest people of the Commonwealth.

"Mr. Yeager begins his second term with the unusual compliment of being confirmed by the United States Senate many days in advance of the expiration of his first period of office and also with the good will and high esteem of all who have come into contact with him since Colonel Roosevelt picked him out as marshal for this district.

"Mr. Yeager comes from Yeagertown, which his ancestors settled in Mifflin county. Educated in the old Kishacoquillas Seminary, he finished his education at Williamsport and Wyoming Seminaries and then took his degree at Wesleyan and to round it out received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Syracuse. Dr. Yeager taught pupils in New York and Massachusetts and then conducted the affairs of Drew Seminary in New York State for seven years, being also Commissioner of Schools for Putnam County, and returned to his native soil.

"The people up there knew his worth and elected him to the Legislature for the session of 1907 and he would have been re-elected in his district had not the unsolicited appointment as marshal been given to him by Colonel Roosevelt,

who knew of his travels and his books as well as of his qualities. He also received the cordial indorsements of the United States Senators Boies Penrose and P. C. Knox. Dr. Yeager has traveled about as much as any one in this part of the State. He has roamed in medieval cities of Europe, trod the Mount of Olives, ascended the Pyramids, visited the land of the Incas and climbed the Andes at the height of 16,000 feet.

"He knows the ins and outs of Peru and its sister republics as well as he does the Bermudas and the imperial commonwealths of our own country. Dr. Yeager lectured for years on his travels and varied it by speaking on Republican platforms in Presidential campaigns. He enjoys wide acquaintance among the most traveled and intellectual people of the country, is in great demand as an orator on special occasions and is one of those all around men of affairs and culture whom it is a pleasure to meet and who adorn public office."—*The Scranton Truth*, copied from the *Harrisburg Telegraph*, Jan. 8th, 1912.

"United States Marshal Yeager is known to many business and professional men in this city for his sterling character, integrity and keen business perception."—*Scranton Tribune*.



“With its red for love
And its white for law,
And its blue for the hope,
Which our Fathers saw,
Of a larger liberty.”

Public Service During the World War

During the last six months of the World War James M. Yeager was officially appointed to make addresses at large industrial plants, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, which had Government contracts for war work. This appointment was made by the Ordnance Office in the Philadelphia District, a branch of the Ordnance Office at Washington.

In this capacity he addressed more than 100,000 wage-earners and fellow countrymen. For this service he received a large certificate expressing the highest commendation from Major General C. C. Williams, Chief of Ordnance, United States Army, and the following unsolicited testimonials from officials in the Ordnance Office in Philadelphia :

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF ORDNANCE DISTRICT CHIEF
1710 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 20, 1918

MR. JAMES M. YEAGER,
Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Yeager:—

Owing to the changed conditions since the signing of the Armistice, there being no longer any need for speeding up the production in Ordnance material, it has been delegated to me to transmit this decision of the Chief to you, together with the thanks of the Chief and the entire organization for your services, which have been of exceptional value to the Government in this work, and for the ability, faithfulness and patriotism you have shown in the service of your Country.

Respectfully,
D. B. LUCAS,
Office Manager.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF ORDNANCE DISTRICT CHIEF
1710 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 23, 1918

DR. JAMES M. YEAGER,
Lewistown, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Yeager:—

Though you have been formally notified of the termination of your Government Service, I desire to express to you my personal appreciation of the good work that you did for the Government. Yours was not an easy task, and from all accounts, and measuring by some of the results obtained, I feel confident that your services were very valuable; that is, of great advantage to the Government, and likewise, of benefit to the workers.

Your knowledge of human nature stood you in good stead, and that combined with your enthusiasm, and your belief in Uncle Sam's cause, enabled you to do good work, and to produce the desired effects. So, I thank you most heartily for the very considerate contribution, which you made to this country, and to humanity in general.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN C. JONES,
Ordnance District Chief.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF ORDNANCE DISTRICT CHIEF
1710 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 20, 1918

HON. JAMES M. YEAGER,
Lewistown, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Yeager:—

I am in receipt of the report which you sent to me and which contains a partial history of one of the most highly successful movements inaugurated by this Department. To have continued this work through the hot summer days, right along through a malignant epidemic, (where permission was granted), which counted more victims than did the great war itself, was a work calculated to fill every Pennsylvanian with the greatest pride and confidence in the patriotism and unswerving loyalty of his fellow citizens.

You were the first speaker in the field in this District on the subject of speeding-up production and the success which attended the effort from start to finish deserves the highest commendation. You certainly have "made good" and I am glad that I had a small part, as you indicate in your letter, in bringing you to Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM VOLLMER.

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE

FOUR MINUTE MEN

In Charge of All Speaking Activities
Liberty Building

Philadelphia, Penna., Dec. 5, 1918

MR. JAMES M. YEAGER,

City Club, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Yeager:—

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation of the excellent speaking work which you did for us during the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign and subsequently.

I heard very many favorable reports from the institutions where you spoke, all of the managers being unanimous in their expressions of approval and in their request that you be assigned to them on other occasions.

While, of course, it would seem out of place for any one American to thank another American for doing his best in war work, yet I feel that I am justified in expressing to you the appreciation of this organization for the help you have given us.

Very truly yours,

H. S. DRINKER, JR.

On September 25, 1918, Dr. Yeager spoke at two meetings held at the E. I. DuPont Company's Machine Shops at Wilmington, Del. A copy of the letter received the next day from the Publicity Bureau of that Company may be of interest:

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 25, 1918

MR. JAMES M. YEAGER,
United States Ordnance Dept.,
Production Division,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Doctor:

Please allow me to thank you for the splendid service you rendered us in coming to Wilmington today to talk at the two meetings held at the machine shops. We feel that these talks were ably given and that they will undoubtedly be productive of much good. You yourself, without doubt, noted the great attention given to you by the crowds at each place.

We hope to have the pleasure of having you again with us.

With very kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. J. BYRNE,

Publicity Bureau.

FJB:N

"His able and distinguished service for our Country will remain through the years a tribute to his loyalty and service in the time of our Country's great need."—*Rev. Dr. W. F. Compton, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.*

On Saturday, October 12, Mr. Yeager spoke at a great mass meeting held out-doors at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, with Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, Chairman of the Philadelphia Naval Auxiliary of the Red Cross, presiding, and Mr. Stotesbury, dean of Philadelphia bankers and philanthropists, two Admirals and a Rear Admiral on the platform, and an audience of 6,000 to 8,000.

After the meeting Mrs. Stotesbury went out of her way to graciously thank him for his brief address, and to request him to send her a short extract from it.

The request of Mrs. Stotesbury, was, of course, promptly granted and a few days later the following letter was received:

WHITEMARSH LODGE
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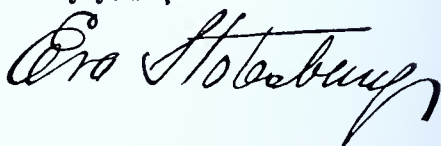
Dr. James M. Yeager,
City Club,
313 South Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Dr. Yeager:-

I was delighted to receive the clever limerick which you so kindly sent me, and also the other enclosures.

You were certainly one of the star speakers at the Navy Yard rally and I trust it will be my privilege to hear you often.

Sincerely yours,



The following message sent from Washington to the press of the United States on October 24, 1919, shows the great work accomplished by Mr. John C. Jones and the tremendous contributions of the Philadelphia district to the success of the war.

JOHN C. JONES, CHIEF OF ORDNANCE DISTRICT, RECEIVES MEDAL

Washington, Oct. 24.—John C. Jones, president of the Harrison Safety Boiler Works, of Philadelphia, received a distinguished service medal today for services as chief of the ordnance district of Philadelphia during the war.

The Philadelphia District was also cited in glowing terms for its tremendous contributions to the success of the war. The presentations were made by Assistant Secretary of War Crowell at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds, where the chiefs of all the ordnance districts had been assembled.

The official citation accompanying the medal given to Mr. Jones was as follows:

"Mr. John C. Jones, for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government on duty of great responsibility as chief of the Philadelphia Ordnance District, in which capacity he maintained at all times the greatest degree of intelligent and enthusiastic co-operation between the Ordnance Department and the manufacturers in his district, thereby attaining the maximum production of munitions in a minimum time; and also as chairman of the Philadelphia Ordnance District Claims Board, in which capacity his services have been invaluable to the nation in adjusting equitably the \$271,000,000 worth of outstanding contracts in his district in force at the signing of the armistice."

To this Secretary Crowell added the following

concerning the importance of the Philadelphia District:

"The Philadelphia District was in the heart of the restricted area and had to combat freight congestion and kindred problems in their most acute form. It was the theatre of rival government programs of the first magnitude, a large proportion of all America's war shipbuilding for the navy and the Emergency Fleet being conducted at the Delaware shipyards and making heavy demands on the general labor supply.

"The principal centers of ordnance activity were Philadelphia itself, Berwick, Bristol, Chester, Downingtown, Frankford, Harrisburg, Phoenixville, Scranton, South Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre in Pennsylvania; Wilmington in Delaware; Camden, Trenton and Burlington in New Jersey, and several loading and explosives towns built for munitions purposes, such as Woodbury and Fort Delaware, New Jersey, and Tulleytown and Eddystone, Pa.

"The performance of this area was copious. It was the chief rifle district. It was the chief explosives district. It was the district whence the Allies obtained most of their American gun forgings. It was the big bolo district, in a sense the sole helmet district. It was an immense loading district. It had an important part to play in the railroad mounts program."

OF WHAT SHALL A MAN BE PROUD
IF HE IS NOT PROUD OF HIS FRIENDS?

—*Robert Louis Stevenson*

Miscellaneous

A bundle of interesting autograph letters by men prominently in public life:

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL

New York, December 16th, 1898.

JAMES M. YEAGER, Esq.,
Carmel, N. Y.

My Dear Sir:—I thank you heartily for your courtesy in writing me.

Faithfully yours,
T. ROOSEVELT.

This letter was received from Governor Roosevelt, as the date indicates, shortly after his election as Governor of New York. In this campaign James M. Yeager took an active part and it has always been gratifying to him that the subject matter of his letter to Mr. Roosevelt received prompt consideration and was favorably acted upon by him soon after his inauguration.

James M. Yeager is a descendant of the loyal Germans who fought in our Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University, holds a degree from the Syracuse University, was president of Drew Seminary for Young Women for seven years, has been a Commissioner of Schools for Putnam County, New York, and has traveled extensively in this country and abroad. He was an ardent worker in the late campaign for the election of McKinley and Roosevelt.—*Senator Chauncey M. Depew, in letter, Dec. 15, 1900, to Honorable John Hay, Secretary of State.*

New York City, N. Y., March 12th, 1896.

The Rev. James M. Yeager, D. D., President of Drew Seminary for Young Women, delivered his justly famous lecture on "Saunterings in the Old East" in Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City. He was associated in the course with lecturers widely known and of first class reputation, but his lecture especially pleased the large audience present. His oratory was faultless, his descriptions vivid, his action graceful, and his utterance distinct. The lecture was varied by the recital of amusing incidents of travel, and exceedingly apt witticisms, but yet it was dignified and unusually instructive. It was just what one might reasonably expect to hear from a learned and successful President of an educational institution. His lecture is a word-picture of the Old East.

JOHN GREENLEAF OAKLEY,
Pastor of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal
Church, New York City.

HEADQUARTERS
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE
329 SOUTH BROAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA

December 20, 1910.

JAMES M. YEAGER, ESQ.,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Sir:—I desire to thank you for your earnest work in behalf of the Republican ticket at the late election.

Yours very truly,

HENRY F. WALTON.

OFFICE OF DR. O. W. SUTTON, CHAIRMAN
REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE

Bath, New York, November 17th, 1900.

DR. JAMES M. YEAGER,
My Dear Doctor:—

I have heard nothing but praise from the places in which you made campaign speeches while in our county. One of the letters which I received was so good I could not help sending it to Mr. Lafayette B. Gleason, Chairman of Speakers' Bureau, in New York.

Whenever we have use for speakers, I shall try and get you in Steuben.

With many kind wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

O. W. SUTTON. (M. D.)

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 14th, 1897.

DEAR DR. YEAGER—

Many thanks for your invitation to preach the Baccalaureate sermon. An earlier answer would have been written but it was impossible in view of official duties. I presume you have made other arrangements before this time but it was my duty to respond to your communication at the first opportunity.

Yours very truly,

JOHN P. NEWMAN.

General U. S. Grant's pastor, both in Washington and New York—"Bishop Newman" when above letter was written.

HOTEL NETHERLAND

NEW YORK

5 Aug., 1905.

DEAR DR. YEAGER—

I recall vividly our charming excursion in Asia Minor.

It would be very pleasant to meet you again after such a long interval, but unfortunately I leave on Monday morning for Portsmouth and shall probably remain there during the peace negotiations.

Regretting to have missed you here, I remain

Yours very truly,

DONALD MACKENZIE WALLACE.

Mr. Wallace represented the London Times at the Peace Conference of Japan and Russia, called at Portsmouth, N. H., by President Roosevelt.

WYOMING SEMINARY

KINGSTON, PENNA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DR. JAMES M. YEAGER,
Scranton, Pa.

My Dear Marshal Yeager :—

That was a fine banquet of Wyoming Seminary people in Scranton when you served as toastmaster. You ought not to let your great powers of oratory deteriorate. You have a great endowment for public speech. It ought to bear fruit in the minds and hearts of your fellowmen. Please don't let that vessel crumble into decay.

Ever yours affectionately,

Signed : L. L. SPRAGUE.

(Forty years President of Wyoming Seminary.)
February 10, 1913.

HOTEL MARLBOROUGH

New York, Feb. 24, 1898.

DR. JAMES M. YEAGER,

My Dear Sir:—

If I am not obliged by the work I have on hand to leave here before that time, I would be delighted to visit Putnam County, Carmel and Drew Seminary for the sake of old associations.

Yours very truly,

PAUL DU CHAILLU.

Paul Du Chaillu, one of the earliest and greatest of African explorers, whose books are familiar to all students, taught French in Drew Seminary for Young Women in 1854.

Crawfordville, Dec 7, 1888

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 5th instant, and hasten to say that I am glad to hear of you upon the platform. The subjects of which you write and speak, in fact everything pertaining to the old East, are exceedingly interesting to our people, and I am sure you can and do treat them justly and eloquently. Wish—wishes for your success and continued health, consider me, very truly your friend,

Lew. Wallaw.

Res Jas M. Yeager.

ON THE ATLANTIC

My room-mate on shipboard, an affable, intelligent, and promising young minister of the New York Conference, now on his way to Europe and the East for a year's rest and sight-seeing, had been loaded down by friends at home and by special friends in his recent congregation with various sea-sick preventatives and alleviatives too numerous to mention. These he successively tried, and in each case without success; but he faithfully and rapidly went through the whole list, with the vain hope that some one of them would accomplish the desired result. The first preventive which he tested was a "magnetic pad" to be worn over the pit of the stomach; but his compulsory ocean tribute came so early and so severely after he put it on that he quickly tore away the pad from its hiding-place, exclaiming, "This thing may be a very good preventive on land, but it seems to have the contrary effect upon the sea."

The above was written by Rev. W. H. DePuy, LL D., associate editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and sent by him from London in June, 1882, as part of an article, which appeared in his paper, describing the "pleasures" of ocean travel, in general, and his room-mate's in particular.

FANNY CROSBY AT DREW

Fanny Crosby, author of many of the most familiar Gospel hymns in the English language, was born in Putnam County, New York. James M. Yeager, while President of Drew Seminary, located in Putnam County, invited the famous blind hymn-writer to visit the Seminary and to dedicate a poem to the young women of the school.

In a very short time Miss Crosby, then in her seventy-sixth year, dictated to her amanuensis a remarkable poem, which is herewith given.

In the first stanza she makes an indirect reference to Putnam County as her birth-place. In the second and third she alludes to her own experiences as a teacher, having been employed in a school for the blind in New York City before she was twenty years old. In the fourth stanza she makes her evangelistic appeal to the students. In the remaining stanzas she pays tribute to the "cultured voices," tells of her satisfaction at being permitted to revisit the scenes of her childhood and expresses the hope of one day meeting them again where "We'll never say farewell."

The melody of one of her hymns was very popular with the bands at the funeral of General U. S. Grant, in New York City, August 7, 1885.

It is not generally known that Fanny Crosby was the author of "Hazel Dell" and the words "There's Music in the Air," which have been generally credited to another.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Duffield, Presbyterian clergyman, son of the author of the well-known hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," once wrote: "I rather think her talent will stand beside that of Watts or Wesley, especially if we take into consideration the number of hymns she has written."

*Poem Dedicated to the Young Ladies of the
Carmel Direct Seminary*

BY FANNY CROSBY

Youthful friends, beloved and treasured,
Daughters of my own fair clime,
Cradled in the lap of genius,
Taught by her the arts sublime;
On your brow her signet sparkles,
In your eyes a lustre bright,
That within your soul she kindles,
Flashes like a star tonight.

In your eager quest for knowledge,
You have soared on airy wing,
To the grand and classic mountains
Where the muses love to sing;
Where the poets, and the sages
Wandered in the long ago,
And the old Castilian fountain
Thrilled them with its magic flow.

Wider fields were spread before you,
With your teachers on you pressed;
For your intellect expanding,
Little thought or dreamed of rest.
On, through boundless realms of wisdom,
Still they led you day by day,
And you caught an inspiration
That will never pass away.

There's a pearl of priceless value
That the world can never give,
And you find it when you promise
For the blessed Lord to live.
If you consecrate your talents
To the service of the King,
You will see Him in His beauty,
And His praise in glory sing.

When I hear your cultured voices
In your Seminary walls,
When your music soft and tender
O'er my tranquil spirit falls,
How I think of years departed,
Of the schoolmates that I knew,
Then we sang and played together
And were young and glad as you.

O, my heart has longed to meet you,
Longed to clasp and hold you there,
Joy has brought the hallowed moment,
God has heard and answered prayer.
We are living in the present,
But the future who can know?
Let us leave it all with Jesus
And to labor forward go.

Though the sweetest flowers may wither,
And the fondest hopes may fail,
With the eye of faith unclouded,
We can look within the veil.
There, the pleasures that await us
Mortal tongue can never tell,
There, we'll meet and know each other,
And we'll never say farewell.

And wherever you
and college
have heard the trumpet blast

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF ORDNANCE
WASHINGTON.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

James S. Vreager
HAS FAITHFULLY SERVED
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES
IN THE
ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT
DURING THE WORLD WAR

from June 1917 to Nov 30 1918

ADMINISTRATION



SIGNED
MAJ. GEN. CHIEF OF ORDNANCE U.S.A.

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Ancestry

Of Colonial and Revolutionary ancestry—(the Buffington family of Great Marlow, England, settling in the Province, near Chester, one hundred years before the arrival of Wm. Penn)—James M. Yeager is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, and is eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars. He is also a member of the City Club of Philadelphia, the Harrisburg Club, the Alpha Delta Phi Club of New York, the F. and A. M. of Lewistown, I. O. O. F. of Brewster, N. Y., the Harrisburg Consistory, the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.